

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: Morio Taneda

Attn: DO/US

Application Serial No. To be assigned

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For: **NOISE REDUCTION AND AUDIO-VISUAL SPEECH ACTIVITY
DETECTION**

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003. Prior to the examination of the above application and calculation of claim fees, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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